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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 1519

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, UN
SUBJECT: UN ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT

REF: STATE 62223

1. EMBOFF PRESENTED COPY OF PRESIDENT'S MARCH 17 UN ADDRESS
TO MFA OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF UN AFFAIRS, FAISAL AL-RIFAI, ON
MARCH 23. RIFAI UNDERTOOK TO BRING SPEECH TO ATTENTION OF
HIS SENIORS.

2. AFTER GOING OVER FIVE POINTS EMPHASIZED REFTTEL, AND NOTING
THAT USG WOULD BE PURSUING ALL VIGOROUSLY, EMBOFF ASKED WHETHER
THERE WAS ANY GENERAL REACTION YET WITHIN MFA TO THESE POINTS.
(PAO HAD DISTRIBUTED SPEECH, AND IT HAD BEEN TOUCHED
ON BY LOCAL PRESS, THE PREVIOUS WEEK.) RIFAI REPLIED THAT,
WHILE HE COULD NOT RESPOND FOR THE GOK OFFICIALLY ON ANY OF
THESE POINTS, HE OBSERVED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S EXPLICIT ATTEMPT
TO "SURFACE THE CONSENSUS" ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE, SEEMED
TIMELY TO HIM PERSONALLY. HE SAID IT WAS "INDEED TIME" TO
BRING INTO THE OPEN PARAMETERS WITHIN WHICH PEACE MIGHT BE
ACHIEVED. RIFAI ADDED THAT IT WAS TIME TO DO SO, IF THERE WERE
TO BE A GENEVA CONFERENCE IN 1977, GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY
PRESENTED BY THE ENDING OF THE LEBANESE CONFLICT AND THE
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APPARENT CURRENT PALESTINIAN WILLINGNESS TO GO TO THE CONFERENCE
TABLE.

3. RIFAI ALSO NOTED WITH APPROVAL THAT THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF
DELIVERED HIS FIRST MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH AT THE UN AND
THAT IT CONTAINED CONSIDERABLE HUMAN RIGHTS CONTENT, THE
SUBSTANCE OF WHICH RIFAI SAW AS A WELCOME DEPARTURE FROM PAST

US POLICY -- HE MENTIONED SOUTHERN AFRICA SPECIFICALLY IN THIS
CONNECTION.
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